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Inventories of frozen fish and shellfish in freezers and cold storage establishments throughout the country stood at 75,739,000 pounds on May 1, a drop of 8,526,000 pounds compared with holdings a month earlier, the United States Department of Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service reported today.

Current holdings of frozen fishery products are more than double the inventories of one year ago, which fell below normal because of the acute shortage of meat during the early months of 1945. However, the present holdings are considerably in excess of the average for this season - 40,468,000 pounds.

Fish and Wildlife Service officials pointed out that holdings of frozen fish and shellfish normally reach the lowest point of the year by the first of May, and predicted that inventories will resume an upward trend during this month.

May 1 holdings consisted of 56,997,000 pounds of salt water species, 8,866,000 pounds of lake and river fish, and 9,876 pounds of shellfish.